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THE CELEBRATED ACTRESS,

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in a GRAND OLD COMEDY, supported by
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Jan. 1-1887

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

—Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, of
Hartford, Conn., regularly attends the
church of which her son is pastor.

—A Deadwood paper tells of a man
there who has made thirty thousand
dollars gathering up and selling empty
beer and liquor bottles.

—Sir Richard Sutton, the English
breeder of Short-horned cattle, has lost
his valuable herd of Jerseys through
that fell agency, pleuro-pneumonia.

—The sting of a bumble bee contains
only one-fiftieth part of a drop of poi-
son, and why a fly jumps up and down
and takes on so about it is more than
medical science can explain.

—The proprietor of a celebrated res-
taurant on West is described by a
local journal as being, in appearance
and dress, a combination of an English
lord, a United States Senator, an Am-
erican poet and a French painter.

—Daniel Webster's Marshfield estate
is now owned by Walter Hall, of Bos-
ton. It contains four hundred and
fifty acres and supports fifteen cows, five
horses, two yoke of oxen and several
head of young stock. —Boston Journal.

—A new poet sings "The Whistling
Booby is Anchored at Sea." The
whistling girl, however, continues to
float about in fancy free to the ears
of the boys who can not properly
pucker to whistle a tune. —Chicago Inter-
Ocean.

—Archibald Ford has met nine dif-
ferent Kings and Queens, but when he
walks up to a peanut stand with his
nickel he gets no better measure than
those of us who have simply gazed on
the coat-tail buttons of a United States
Senator. —Detroit Free Press.

—Probably the largest grape-arbor
in Central North Carolina is a Scup-
persville arbor on a plantation in
Sumter County. It has seventeen
hundred posts, covers nearly an acre
of ground, and every year it bears an
abundance of Scuppernongs.

—The Boston Record throws off the
following editorial: "It has
generations led on canvas-back and
terrapin are required to produce a
Maryland beauty, how many centuries
of beans and brown bread are needed for
the evolution of a Boston belle?"

—A settler in Georgia, Ga., swears
that he had drunk ginger-ale and
whisky in a certain saloon. At the
trial the bottle was produced, the wit-
ness tasted the contents and swore that
they were ginger-ale and whisky, and
then the defendant proved that the
drink was ginger-ale and pepper sauce
and was acquitted.

—People who are quick to "take up"
remarks and to resent supposed insults
are kept pretty busy by the world. An
old man, who was before Judge Cow-
ling in New York, a day or two ago,
admitted that he had been arrested
about one hundred and thirty times on
charges of assault, and explained that
he was "not going to let anybody call
him names." —N. Y. Mail.

—Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, the burial
place of Washington Irving, which is
directly across the Hudson from Nyack,
N. Y., has become so crowded that the
adjacent property has been purchased
to enlarge the grounds. The addition
is a forty-one acre lot on the north
side, and cost thirty thousand dollars.
The cemetery is visited by thousands
of strangers every year. —Troy Times.

—Samuel Gilbert, of Georgetown,
N. J., stored one hundred and fifty
bushels of potatoes in the attic of his
little house preparatory to barrelling
them. The other night while his fam-
ily was at supper the floor gave way
and the potatoes came down on them,
breaking Mr. Gilbert's arm and Mrs.
Gilbert's leg, fracturing her shoulder,
and injuring a daughter's arm so that
it will have to be amputated. —N. Y.
Sun.

—A laborer while digging a well at
Norristown, Pa., struck a quicksand
and became fastened. He called for
help, and ropes fastened to a windlass
were lowered, but as they pulled he
cried that they were tearing him limb
from limb. He was finally rescued by
means of grappling hooks placed un-
der his feet, a crib having been lowered
around him. When extricated he had
been in the quicksand seventeen hours.
—Norristown Herald.

—There is a valley in Chautauque
County, N. Y., called "No-God hol-
low," and this is the way it came by
its name. An evangelist went into the
valley and worked very earnestly for
some weeks, and apparently without
any good results. One day in speak-
ing to one of the residents of the place
he said: "I do not believe there is a
God in Chautauque valley!" This was
picked up, and since then the place has
been known as "No-God hollow." —
Buffalo Express.

—A sixty-year-old widower, of
Albany, N. Y., who has selected a
young woman of twenty-six years for
his second wife, was chaffed so much
by friends about the great expense he
was liable to incur in taking so young
a wife that he thought it would not be
amiss to sound the mind of his intended,
and did so. She named over the num-
ber of dresses she would need and
capped the climax by insisting that the
first two years must be spent in Europe.
The match is now off. —Albany Jour-
nal.

—Gratifying evidence of the advance
of woman in England appears in the
statement that of about a thousand
students, from the Liverpool region,
examined in science and art at South
Kensington, more than two hundred
were women. Two young girls passed
in magnetism and electricity, twelve in
inorganic chemistry, and two in agri-
culture. One lady, who passed the
elementary examination last year in
machine construction and drawing,
was again successful in a more ad-
vanced stage of the same subject.

LATEST REVELS in Swiss, Cambrio
and New York Embroiderers and Lace,
just received, at Lane & Seegs. 22w

REASONS.

There are forty reasons why men
dress well, some of them decidedly cu-
rious should they be probed.

Expediency of odd sorts, serves to ac-
complish certain ends and the like. •

Most men, we trust, rise to the higher
plane of neatness and good taste. A well
bred man pleases himself and enjoys
a satisfaction in knowing he attracts no
attention by too little dress or too much.
In our very full supply of NEW FALL
BUSINESS SUITS, DRESS SUITS, FALL
OVERCOATS, BOYS' and CHILDREN'S
SUITS, you will find the happy medium,
that every gentleman of good taste and
every mother of refinement, who wishes
to see her boys well dressed, enjoys.

In answer to the enquiry so often asked,
WHERE CAN I DO THE BEST? we
would say, and prove it if necessary, that
every dollar's worth of goods that is
delivered to us, after being examined and
found correct, is paid for, SPOT CASH.
This, and a twenty years' experience in
our business, knowing how to buy, where
to buy, offsets any argument that has
been and may be made by any of our
competitors as to their offering extra-
ordinary bargains without any good reason
on their part as to their superior ability,
financially or otherwise, to procure them.

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SALE

—OF—

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COMMENCES

TO-DAY,

—AT—

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NEW YORK STORE.

THE McQUADE TRIAL.

An Interesting Day in the Trial of the New York Bootler.

Testimony of An Observing Domestic Who Kept Posted in What Went on Around Her.

Lawyer Newcomb Takes the Stand and Flatly Denies a Statement Made by the Witness Duffy.

New York, Dec. 12.—In the McQuade trial yesterday morning the reading of documentary evidence was continued. It was after noon before Mr. Nicol concluded the reading of the documentary evidence relating to the franchise. Clerk Twomey patiently sat in the witness chair during the reading. At the close witness was examined by Mr. Newcomb. He said that at the special meeting of August 26, 1884, at 9 a. m., after the meeting some one told him the doors were locked; some one on the outside had pushed on the door; without thought Moloney directed some one to open the door after this. The witness testified that in all the years of his holding the position of recording clerk of the board there had never been as early a meeting as the one of August 26, 1884.

The prosecution started to read McQuade's evidence before the Senate committee. The defense objected on the ground that no man should be compelled to give evidence that would criminate himself. Nor could his evidence given in one case be used against him in another case in which he was defendant.

Mr. Nicol withdrew the testimony for the present. The Recorder had grave doubts on the question himself, and reserved his decision.

Katy Mota, a servant, testified that in 1884 she was in service in the house adjoining that of Alderman McLaughlin, in which the alleged "concomitance" of hostile aldermen was formed. She testified that in the month of June she was called to the door by a ring of the bell. On the steps were five men who inquired for McLaughlin's house. They went into McLaughlin's house. A week later three men made the same inquiry. Later in the evening several more came. She saw them come out of McLaughlin's still later in the evening. Witness was asked to look at the audience and see if she recognized anyone as one of the callers. The little German girl after gazing around slowly finally pointed with her finger, saying: "Yes, sir, that gentleman is one of them." Every eye was centered upon Alderman John O'Neill.

"Is there any one else in the room whom you recognize as one of the men you saw?" There was another gaze about the room and then the finger pointed at the prisoner. "That gentleman," she said. McQuade arose with his hand on his bosom and pointed to himself. "Yes."

"Look again. Can you see any one else?"

The witness half arose again. In half a moment her eye rested and her face brightened. "There is one," she said, "that gentleman." This time a big man near the rail rose, but the witness was not positive. And all efforts to make her say different were futile. Another effort was made and she pointed to Alderman Cleary. When he stood up she said he was the man she meant. Fullgraff was also identified. The man Nicol brought out the fact that he had called upon the witness and she had identified in a group photograph. Dempsey, Cleary, O'Neill, Fullgraff, Kelly and McQuade. Also that yesterday in the courtroom she had identified Fullgraff, Duffy and McQuade as visitors whom she had seen at McLaughlin's.

On cross-examination witness said she identified Cleary by his picture in a newspaper. Cleary stood at the foot of the steps when she opened the door. Two weeks later she saw him go into McLaughlin's.

Mr. Newcomb tried his usual misdirection tactics upon her, but the witness was too sharp to be caught. When the recess for lunch was taken, it was stipulated that no one should be allowed to talk to the girl out of her mistress.

After recess the cross-examination of the witness was resumed. She had never seen O'Neill and Cleary at any other time than at McLaughlin's. On the first day she appeared in court she came with Messrs. Robinson and Purdy of the district attorney's office. They did not point out any one to her. She had never seen any of the men who called at McLaughlin's or then parties until yesterday. She had seen men going into McLaughlin's house several times during the months of May and June last.

She said that Fullgraff stood next to Cleary at the foot of the steps of the house of her mistress. Witness thought that McQuade rang the bell at McLaughlin's. She knew that it was in May or June, 1884, as McLaughlin was ill afterwards, and the fact impressed itself upon her memory. Many gentlemen called at McLaughlin's during May and June. Witness was in Germany from May to July, 1885. Saw Cleary go into the house twice.

Copies of a newspaper with the pictures of O'Neill and Cleary in it were shown the jury and the two aldermen were asked to stand up. They did so sleepily. The witness positively identified McQuade as the man who rang McLaughlin's bell on the occasion of the first visit. Witness closed door and stepped outside to see that they found the right place. She was shown picture No. 8 in the group, but did not recognize Duffy. She recognized Fullgraff by his beard.

Mrs. Mota was called and testified to the visit of Messrs. Nicol and Purdy; also to the identification by the girl of five of the accused aldermen. On Friday the girl went down town to the district attorney's office.

Mr. Nicol corroborated this and said the girl was in court that day to see if she could identify the men. Turning to General Tracy, Mr. Nicol said: "And you saw her here?"

"Yes," replied General Tracy, "and I saw those people pointed out to her."

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The prosecution rested at this point.

The defense asked the court to instruct the jury to acquit, on the ground that a case had not been made. The Recorder denied the motion.

Lawyer Newcomb then addressed the jury in opening the case for the defense. After seeing Fullgraff and Duffy, the aldermen, he outlined the defense. He had an important witness who was out of town, on the first trial, on a hunting trip. This witness would swear that he entered the public door of the aldermanic chamber after 9 a. m., on August 26, 1884. Reporter Kernan was mistaken. He would prove that Kernan never went into the close room, nor tried the public door. He

PLUCKY, BUT GREEN.

Three Fresh Train-Robbers Hold Up a Texas Passenger Train.

Their Failure to Make a Good Haul Owing Entirely to Their Own Want of Experience.

Brown, Tex., Dec. 12.—The south-bound passenger train on the Ft. Worth & Denver railway was robbed at the coal chutes just north of Bellevue, yesterday noon, by three men. The train had stopped for coal when one man stepped to the engine, covered engineer Ayers with a pistol and demanded his money and watch. This man then held engineer Ayers until his two comrades went through the train. The mail and express were not bothered. Baggage man Miller lost his watch and fifteen dollars in money. Conductor Larmer lost twenty dollars and his watch. Mr. Ward, of Henrietta, and other gentlemen put their watches and money in the contribution-box. After robbing the passengers the highwaymen rode off in a southwestern direction, entering the woods about four miles from the Bellevue bottom.

The Denver road promptly offered \$500 for each of the robbers. One of them is well-known here and has a brother living in Wise County. There were five negro soldiers on the train who were armed. They were robbed with the rest. Five different poses are on the trail.

When the robbers went through the passengers in the ladies' coach, one made the remark: "These fellows are not bad. They are just a little green." The robbers were not positive. And all efforts to make her say different were futile. Another effort was made and she pointed to Alderman Cleary. When he stood up she said he was the man she meant. Fullgraff was also identified. The man Nicol brought out the fact that he had called upon the witness and she had identified in a group photograph. Dempsey, Cleary, O'Neill, Fullgraff, Kelly and McQuade. Also that yesterday in the courtroom she had identified Fullgraff, Duffy and McQuade as visitors whom she had seen at McLaughlin's.

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A COSTLY WRECK.

Sudden Collapse and Destruction by Fire of An Immense Store.

Two Employees Perish in the Flames—Many Narrow Escapes—Over Half a Million Dollars Loss.

The Disaster Duplicated at Columbus, O.—Terrible Boiler Explosion at Boston, Mass.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.—At twenty minutes past two o'clock this afternoon the fourth floor of the A. F. Shapleigh & Cantwell Hardware Company's store, 414-416-420 North Main street, caved in. The floor was loaded with agricultural implements and the break extended through the third floor, loaded with shelf goods, and the second floor loaded with sample goods to the first. Whether the first floor caved in or not cannot be stated. In the basement the boilers set fire to the debris, and in a very few moments the entire mass was burning. Most of the inmates of the building escaped without injury or with slight bruises.

The fire department was represented by two engines and a Hayes truck before the alarm had ceased striking, and two streams were immediately turned upon the building. The heat was intense, and the engine companies as they arrived busied themselves pouring water on buildings adjacent. Water poured in upon the hardware ruin seemed to add to rather than diminish the fury of the flames, and none but firemen could keep positions within fifty feet of the burning building.

About fifteen minutes after the fire began the front of No. 420 North Main fell, exposing the burning refuse piled within. There was no stick standing between No. 416 and the south wall of No. 422. There was no partition wall between No. 416 and No. 420, the floors being supported by slender iron pillars. The flames increased in No. 416, when that portion of the front wall fell and the remainder of the front wall trembled. The increase of the flames warned Chief Lindsay of a probable spread, and a general alarm was sounded, attracting the entire department to the scene.

John Beck, brother of Mr. Beck of Beck & Marshall, was in the sample room at the time the building fell. It is said, and was killed, together with two customers, to whom he was showing goods. Others are said to have been in the building at the time of the crash, and in the excitement it is impossible to learn how many were killed.

Beck, the young man who, it is said, was killed, was the city salesman for Shapleigh & Cantwell, and was popular and well-liked in the city. It is probable that the men with him were citizens of St. Louis.

Alie Joseph Chambers, foreman of Engine Company No. 5 was carrying hose near the burning Shapleigh building he was struck on the head by some falling bricks and badly injured.

Fireman Russell, of No. 6, says that when he arrived on the scene he saw a man in the third story of Shapleigh & Cantwell's with the flames all around. When he looked up a minute afterward, the man had disappeared, and he supposes he must have fallen back into the burning building and perished in the flames.

The value of Shapleigh & Cantwell's stock is placed at \$500,000 and it is a total loss. The buildings belong to several different parties and measure 125 feet on Main street and 103 feet on Vine street, and were all four stories high. The loss on the buildings will add nearly \$30,000 more to the total loss.

The entire insurance on Shapleigh & Cantwell's stock is placed at \$500,000.

The Shapleigh-Cantwell Horror.

St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The ruins of the Shapleigh-Cantwell fire were visited by thousands of people yesterday, the streets in the vicinity being thronged all day.

During the whole of Saturday night water was thrown on the smoking ruins by the fire department. Several steamers were kept there until after midnight, and then when the fire was signalled "out," two plug streams were turned on. At 9 o'clock yesterday morning Chief Lindsay sent Engine Co. 12 and 13 to the scene, and the work of washing down the damaged walls left standing from the day before was commenced. The work consumed about four hours, and then the steamers were withdrawn and the two plug streams left at work, the object in view being to cool the heated bricks and mortar which had fallen into the cellar, so that the work of clearing away the mass and of removing the bodies might be commenced. Chief Lindsay's idea was to flood the cellars and in that way extinguish every spark of fire. The mass was still very hot and occasionally a jet of flame and a volume of smoke would shoot up several feet into the air, having forced their way through the crevices of the debris. A heavy stream from one of the plug lines would quench the blaze for a few minutes, and then it would break out again in the same or adjacent place.

Shortly after noon yesterday about a dozen men were sent to work under the direction of Assistant Fire Chief Binney, and some of the mass was removed from the east end of the cellar of No. 418. The steam and smoke that constantly arose from the ruins prevented effective work, however, and but very little was accomplished.

Late last night a reporter called at Mr. A. F. Shapleigh's residence on Washington avenue, and asked Mr. S. if he had heard that some of his customers were in the store at the time and were perhaps caught in the crash.

Mr. Shapleigh said: "I have heard the report that some of our customers were in the store with Mr. Clarence Beck, our city salesman, at the time, but that is untrue and Mr. Beck has so stated to me. He and two customers left the building a short time before the crash."

"Do you believe that any others were buried except Palmer and Maland?"

"No, I feel quite certain that they were not. I have not learned that there were any persons in the store other than my employees."

"You have had full reports from all of your clerks on that point?"

"Yes; most thorough inquiry fails to establish even a foundation for the belief that any others were caught in the crash."

"When and by whom will the work of the removal of the debris be commenced?"

"We will begin that work immediately, to-morrow morning, and pursue it until the whole ruin is removed."

Terrible Boiler Explosion in a Boston Dry House and Box Factory.

Cambridge exploded yesterday morning, injuring seven men, three of whom, it is thought, will die. The following is a list of the injured men:

Joseph Silver, aged nineteen; probably fatally burned.

Joseph Sears (or Marshall), aged thirty, married; dangerously burned.

Albert Murray, aged twenty-two, single; burned, not dangerously.

Harry Newhall, aged forty-eight, engineer of the building; dangerously burned.

Charles Bell, aged forty-eight, married; severely burned.

Manual Madura, laborer; severely burned.

J. W. Paine, employed in the dry house, married; one hand severely burned.

A number of men were in the engine-room at the time of the explosion. One of them says that following the roar came an immense burst of flame, which enveloped every body present. Some were thrown down by the shock, while one, Jos. Silver, was stripped stark naked down to his heavy boots. He fell unconscious, and was carried out, his body a mass of blood and blackness, burned strips of flesh hanging from his lips, his tongue burned to a crisp and his teeth cracked and crumbled by the intense heat. Engineer Newhall was fairly covered with burning shavings. He rushed out a mass of flame and rolled in the snow, extinguishing the flames, but not until he was very badly burned, the flesh hanging in bloody strings from his arms. From the outside the volume of flame was seen to arise about the big chimney, which is 15 feet in height. The loss on the building will be \$20,000.

Terrible Explosion in a Dust Arrester—Narrow Escape From a Great Loss of Life.

Boston, Dec. 12.—Great excitement was caused yesterday afternoon by an explosion at the Columbus Baggy works, and people rushed to the scene from all directions. The explosion occurred in the five-story building just back of the main building, the basement of which is used as the engine-room, and in the northwest corner of which is the dust arrester. The second floor and above, the engine room was used as a shop for painting gear, the third floor for a body department, and the fourth for a first-class paint room. Through all these floors ran the dust and shavings shaft, a concern twenty feet square. It is supposed a spark got in the dust arrester which caused the explosion.

The upper floors and the roof of the building were lifted clear out and thrown down on top of an adjoining shop, crushing in the roof. The upper half of the north and west end walls were thrown down and cracked to the ground. J. O. Brown, a colored man, who was at work in the arrester at the time of the explosion was badly burned. The explosion occurred at the noon hour, and on any other day but Saturday would have caught several of the men in the building eating dinner, but luckily they had all gone out to get their pay and thus escaped. It was thought at first that three or four men were buried in the debris, but this proved to be not so.

A. P. Kragg, a prominent business man, while viewing the ruins was struck by falling timber and badly hurt internally and had his hip broken. It is hard to estimate the exact damage to the works, but it will not be more than \$5,000.

NOT PLEURO-PNEUMONIA.

The Cattle-Plague Scare at Dallas, Tex.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 12.—A correspondent learns the following from Colonel D. P. Cunningham, State agent for the National Bureau of Animal Industry, on the alleged existence of contagious pleuro-pneumonia among cattle in and about Dallas, he having come here yesterday and made official investigation at the request by wire of interested parties:

"I was in West Texas when I received news of the outbreak yesterday morning, and at once proceeded to Austin. I saw Governor Ireland last evening and found him ready to do all in his power to aid in the suppression of the disease, should it prove to be the dreaded scourge reported. On arrival at Dallas this morning I at once began the investigation and found the lot of Indiana Jerseys largely scattered in and around Dallas. I found that eight had died and more were sick. I saw four sick animals, two suffering from lung trouble, and all four bearing evidence of pneumonia fever. I saw nothing to convince me that contagious pleuro-pneumonia was present, but as a measure of precaution I provided for all the sick and exposed cattle to be closely quarantined and wired Dr. Salmon, the chief of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, to send an expert veterinarian to investigate the outbreak. I think there is no occasion for serious alarm, as but few cattle have been exposed and all care has been taken to prevent the spread of the disease should it prove contagious. I will return here Monday and be governed by the instructions I may receive from Washington.

Since the outbreak of the present sickness many cattle have been noticed to be "cating," and alarm is felt in all directions that a scourge from pleuro-pneumonia is certain, but the more conservative stockmen today profess to feel assured that much of the sickness is attributable to the recent severe weather, and the action on unacclimated cattle of this weather and change of water. Monday next will probably demonstrate that the theory is correct.

Lost His Reason.

Dr. Wayne, Ind., Dec. 11.—The Supreme expressed over the suicide of Oscar A. Simons, president of the First National Bank, which occurred yesterday, was increased today by the report, which has been authenticated, of George E. Bond, a brother-in-law of Mr. Simons, losing his reason and becoming so violent on the street this afternoon, it was with difficulty three men overcame him. Mr. Emond was in the room with Mr. Simons when he committed the act yesterday afternoon, and he imagined he was accused of shooting Mr. Simons. He was taken to his residence and it is doubtful whether he will regain his reason. The funeral of Mr. Simons will occur on Tuesday morning.

Another Victory for Iowa Prohibitionists.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 13.—The Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of the Franklin District Court, condemning certain liquors found in the railway company's office at Hampton, consigned to parties who had no license to sell for lawful purposes. The court holds it is immaterial whether the company's agents were apprised of the character of the goods. They were contraband, and subject to seizure and penalty of the law. This is an important decision, affecting the rights and obligations of common carriers under Iowa laws.

Cotton in Transit Burned.

NAVASOTA, Tex., Dec. 12.—Two Houston & Texas Central platform cars laden with cotton took fire two miles south of here yesterday and were totally consumed. Trains were delayed for several hours. The origin of the fire is unknown.

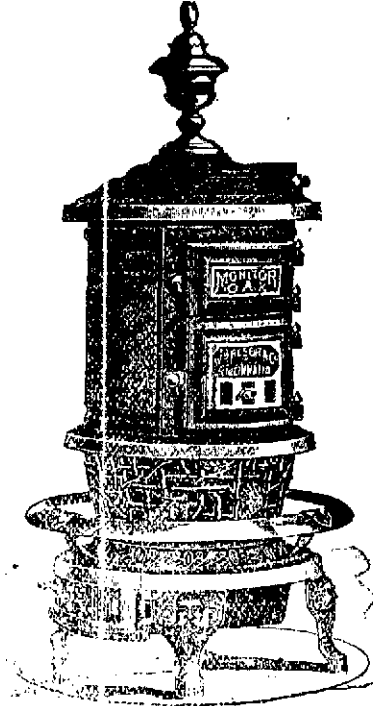
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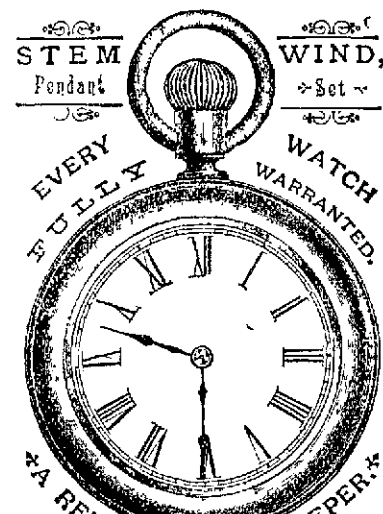
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LOCAL NEWS.

See the comedy, "A Soap Bubble," to-night.

Oscar A. Simons, president of the Ft. Wayne Electric Light Company, committed suicide at his home in Ft. Wayne, Friday last, by firing a bullet into his brain. Mr. Simons was worth \$500,000, and had been in very bad health.

Fresh lake fish at DeMan Bros.' meat market.

The county board will meet to-morrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Part of its business is to draw a grand jury for the January term of court.

Order family groceries and Jersey milk in bottles and Vienna bread at J. Lytle & Co's store.

At the Y. M. C. A. hall at 9 o'clock Sunday morning Bro. Dean conducted a consecration meeting. It was based on the 35th chapter of Exodus; this meeting was well attended by young men who want to be used in the Master's service. At the evening meeting several young men were for prayers and remained after dismissal to talk with the evangelist. A blessing in the hearts of the young men is expected to-night. Meetings will be continued, morning, afternoon and evening at the hall, until further notice. All men are invited to the evening service.

Call at Henry Bauer's grocery store, on East Main street, for dressed poultry and game in season.

Young Men, attend Bro. Dean's meeting in Young Men's Christian Association hall this evening. Men and young men welcome. You are all invited.

BUSHER & HUTCHIN repair shoes cheap.

BERTHA PRION (colored) was fined \$5.50 by Justice Curtis Saturday evening "for a fall house" for using profane language at the depot. She paid \$4.05 and got her liberty by promising to put up the other dollar before dark. She danced and laughed herself out of the court room, so great was her delight in getting out of the clutches of the law. The Johnsons were fined by Justice Stevens.

OYSTERS in bulk every day at Heilman & Son's family grocery store, on Merchant street.

To-day W. A. Van Leer bought 13 head of cattle from Thomas Prior, and a lot of hogs were delivered to him at Emery. It has been a busy day for W. A.

CHOICE flour is the Shellabarger White Loaf brand, sold by all grocers.

The death of Mrs. Samuel Graham occurred Saturday night, at Clinton, at the residence of her son, Judge Graham. She came to that city in 1849, and had resided there ever since. She was aged 76 years.

WINTER CLOTHING at bottom prices. Now is the time if you want bargains, as the stock of winter goods is too heavy to carry over, and must be sold. Remember the place, A. F. Ross, Water st. Dec 13-22

At Sargeant Bluff, Ia, where Mr. J. W. Dean spent one week in just such work as he is doing in the Y. M. C. A. rooms in this city, 62 persons have united with the churches since he was there. There are only two church organizations in the town.

Anti-Saloon.
A number of citizens at Danville, regardless of party, have formed an Anti-Saloon Association. At the meeting last week, Rev. Charles H. Little presided, and speeches were delivered by Rev. W. A. Smith, Rev. Hornbeck, Phocion Howard, Jesse Harper, Albert Emerson, Dr. Pollock and others. A committee on organization was appointed. Another meeting will be held to-night in the Presbyterian church.

A False Charge.
EDS. REYNOLDS: It has been reported by J. M. Higginbotham that I, J. P. Jackson, have been storing away money in the bank, and would not pay my honest debts. But it is not so. It is false. He has caused me to have some trouble with my neighbors. But, gentlemen, I mean to pay every cent I owe; I mean to be a citizen here. J. P. JACKSON, DECATUR, ILL., Dec. 13-2.

Read This.
Best Wood, \$3.75 per cord, delivered. Shave Wood and Chunks, Dry Chips, Corn, Oats, Hay, Straw, Wheat, Corn Meal, Cracked Corn, Bran, Shorts, and the celebrated N. Y. feed for cows, (best and cheapest), only feed mill in the city. All kinds of coal at bottom prices. Keep my own teams and deliver promptly. Store all kinds of goods. nov16 dlm V. H. PARKE.

A. T. GRIST's bath rooms, south of the REPUBLICAN office, are now ready for use. The rooms are the largest and best in the city. aug13-dtf

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Laying Steel Rails.
The Chicago & Havana railroad which passes into the hands of the Illinois Central January 1st, is already being laid with new steel rails, preparatory to the putting on of through passenger trains between Decatur and Chicago. The route will be from Decatur to Champaign by the new line, and from Champaign to Chicago over the Chicago branch.

Paid Out \$15,000.

Champaign Daily Gazette: "W. B. Head, the casualty agent of the Illinois Central road, has paid to the administrators of their estates, \$5000 each for causing the death at Savoy of Albert Dunlap, John McDonald and John Todd, on the 22nd of last month. The general officers of the company have manifested a considerable degree of celerity in settling these cases and making reparation in a monetary manner as far as they can for the losses caused by the negligence of their employees. The total loss to the company by the Savoy wreck will be in the vicinity of \$30,000." The jury at the inquest recommended that the grand jury investigate the facts with a view of having those responsible for the fatal collision indicted for criminal negligence.

ALWAYS ask for Hatfield & Co's new patent White Foam flour. Get it of all grocers.

"Soap Bubble" To-Night.
The T. J. Farron comedy company arrived in Decatur Sunday from Columbus, Ohio, and will appear at the opera house to-night in the funny play, "A Soap Bubble," which is thus described by the Columbus Dispatch:

The second act, which is given up to the different trials and tribulations of customers in a barber shop, is brim full of ludicrous situations and absurd burlesque. The second act is the best and funniest of the comedy. In the third act Miss Grace Emmett does a bit of specialty work that is wonderfully clever, and for which she was called and recalled to the stage. Mr. Ed. Connolly was an ideal barber, Miss Virginia Ross sang a waltz song in a manner that seemed to delight the audience, which filled the theatre from stage to doors. Mr. Farron is the same initiator and comedian of old.

Mr. Farron was formerly with McFarmer, and both appeared here last season. Go to-night. Prices 25, 50 and 75 cents.

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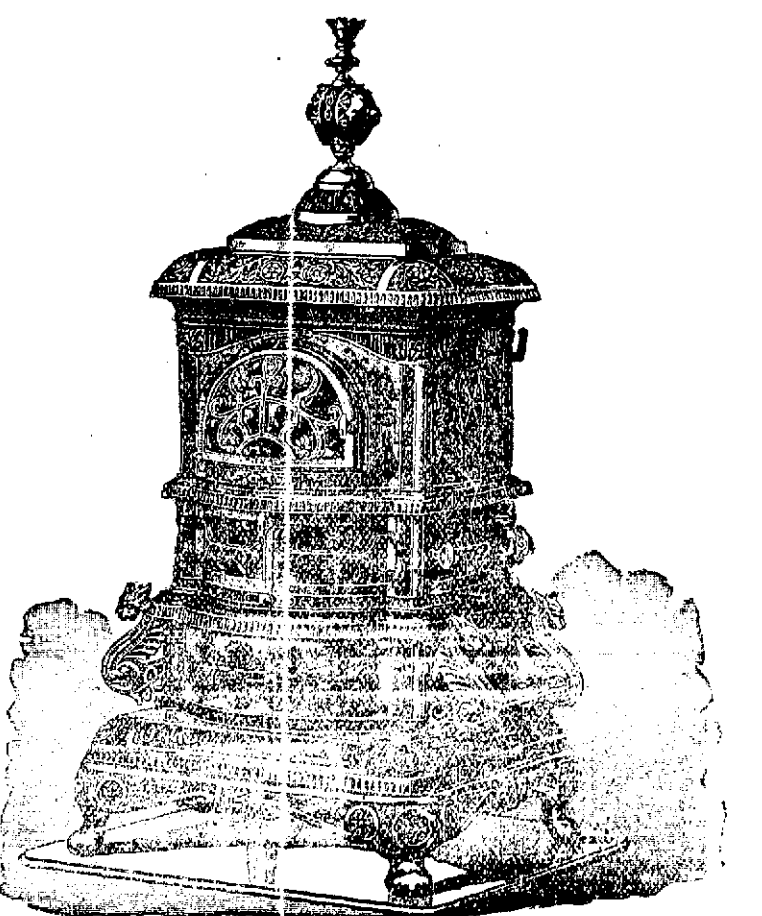
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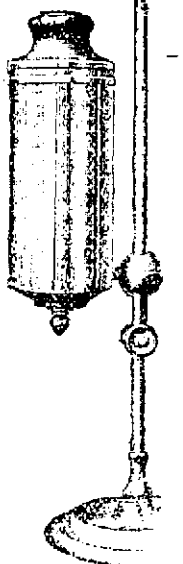
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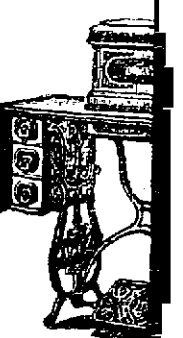
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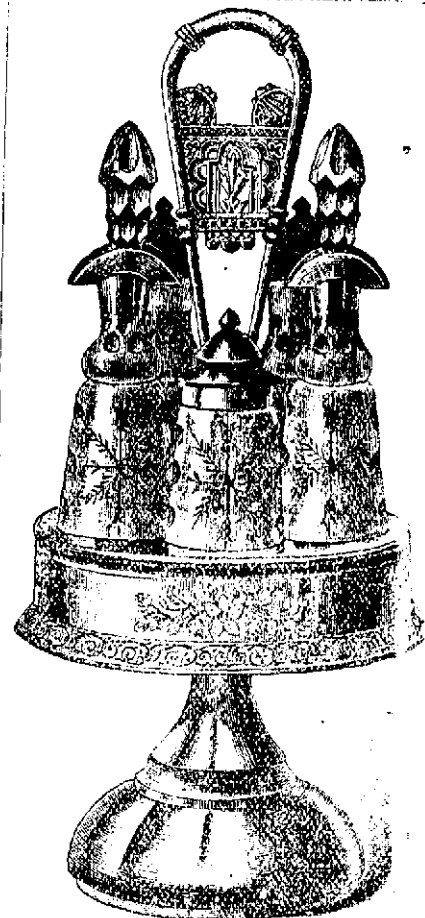
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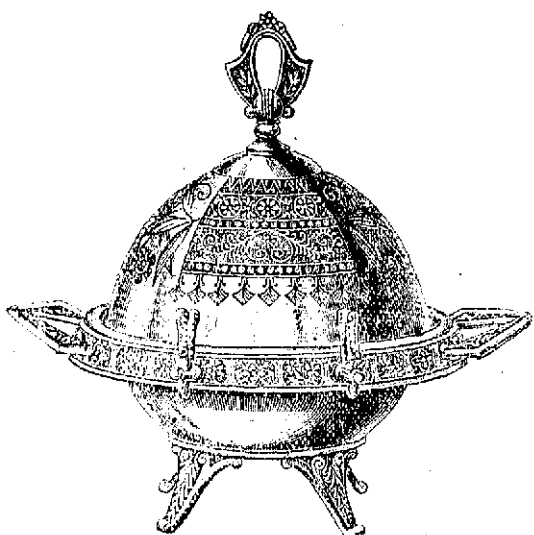
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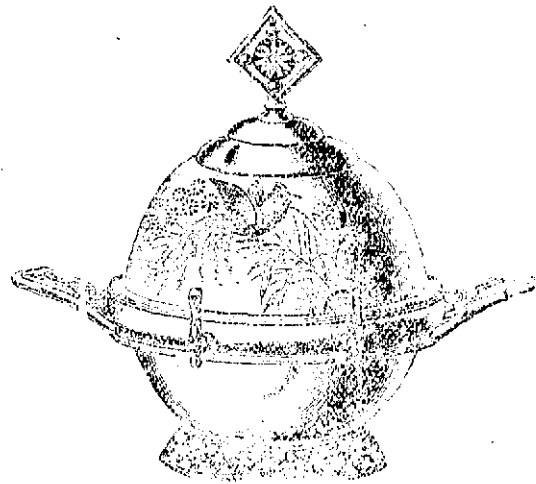
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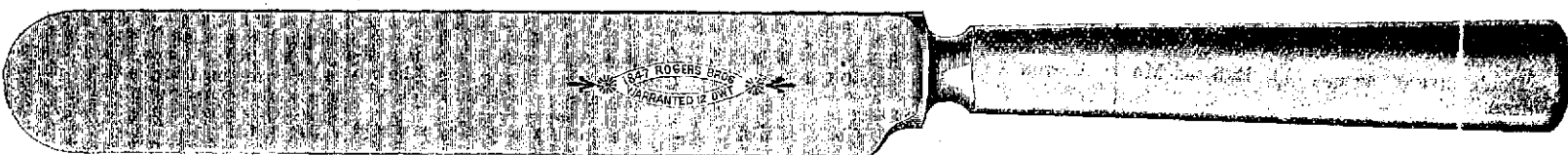
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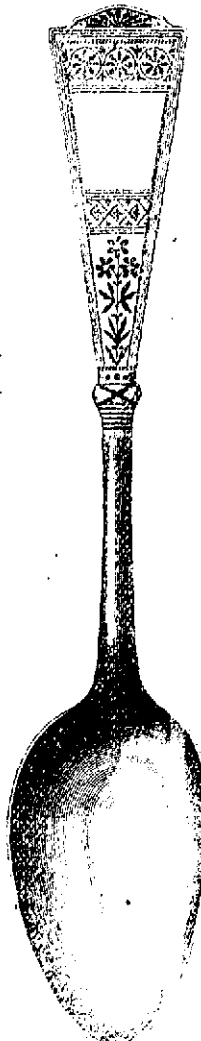
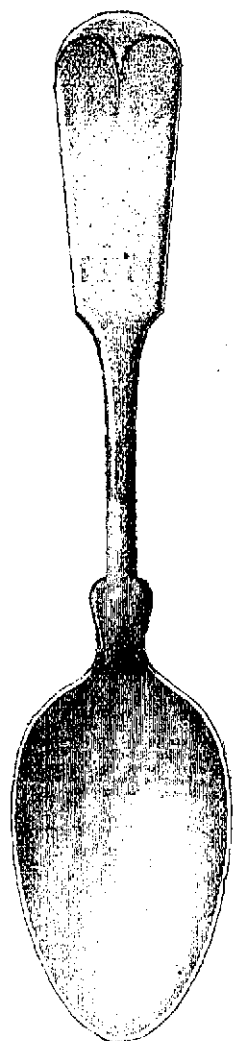
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